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DGS' Anne Jackson Named Rising Star by Maryland Chapter of ASPA
Sustainability Officer Recognized for Leadership on Green Purchasing & Sustainability

(Baltimore, MD) – Anne Jackson, sustainability officer for the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS), today was named a Rising Star for State Public Service by the Maryland Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). She was recognized for her leadership in helping state government leverage its purchasing power to buy green products and services that will create a more sustainable future for Maryland.

"Anne is dedicated to making small changes that have a big impact on Maryland's sustainability," said DGS Secretary Alvin C. Collins. "In just two years Anne has made remarkable progress helping state agencies develop strategies for implementing environmentally preferable purchasing. She is also the driving force behind a comprehensive green purchasing and reporting program that will hold state agencies accountable for what they buy. All of this is even more impressive when you find out that Anne is a one-person office."



Anne joined DGS January 2012 and staffs the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee which is a multi-agency group focused on sustainable procurement. Along with training procurement officers in environmentally preferable purchasing, the Committee issues guidelines and preferred specifications for products such as appliances and disposable food service supplies. In her role as sustainability officer for DGS, Anne is focused on reducing waste and improving efficiency. She recently developed a pilot organics recycling program for the State Center cafeteria in Baltimore. Anne worked with kitchen staff, the cafeteria vendor and customers to communicate the program logistics and promote its benefits. Anne also writes a quarterly newsletter distributed to more than 2,500 government buyers across Maryland.

The ASPA Rising Star award recognizes a Maryland government or non-profit employee for his or her accomplishments, performance or innovation in a federal, state, local or non-profit agency.